



Justification for Absence of Spouse's Signature

To Be Used With Lump Sum Beneficiary Designation Form (PERS-BSD-509-A)

Pursuant to Government Code Section 21261, the current spouse of a retired CalPERS member must be made aware of any change of beneficiary made by a member.

When the spouse's signature does not appear on the document filed with CalPERS to record a change in beneficiary designation, a statement **MUST** be filed giving an explanation for the absence of the spouse's signature.

Name _____ Social Security Number _____

☐ I am not legally married (choose appropriate box):

☐ Never married.

☐ Divorced/marriage annulled. _____ / ____ / ____
Date

☐ Widowed. _____ / ____ / ____
Date

☐ I am married, but my spouse did not sign the form because either:

☐ I do not know and have taken all reasonable steps to determine the whereabouts of my spouse,

OR

☐ My spouse has been advised of the application and has refused to sign the acknowledgment,

OR

☐ My spouse is incapable of executing the acknowledgment because of an incapacitating mental or physical condition,

OR

☐ My spouse has no identifiable community property interest in the benefit,

OR

☐ My spouse and I have executed a marriage settlement agreement which makes the community property law inapplicable to the marriage.

I hereby certify, under the penalty of perjury, that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Signature of Member _____ / ____ / ____
Date